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26 'U. S.-Chiang' Agents Sentenced, Pelping Says

By the Associated Press

TOKYO, Nov. 11.—Peiping Radio today said 26 men who had carried out acts of sabotage on the Chinese mainland had been convicted and sentenced—12 of them to death.

It identified them as "United States-Chiang" agents.

The phrase has been taken in the past as a reference to Nationalist Chinese agents who the Red Chinese government feels are working for the United States.

There was nothing in the broadcast, heard here, to indicate that any were American citizens.

The radio said the 26 were captured in nine groups near the coast in Fukien Province. Two were released, 12 were given varying prison sentences and 12 were condemned to die, the report said.

The radio report said some of those convicted had operated under the direction of "the American espionage organization called the Western Enterprise."

